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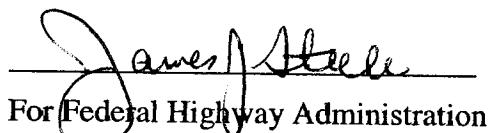
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Abstract: This Condensed Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Final Section 4(f) Evaluation documents the social, economic, and environmental impacts and mitigation, measures associated with the proposed rehabilitation of a portion of I-94 in Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan. The proposed action would provide transportation improvements to a 6.7-mile portion of I-94 from east of I-96 on the west end to Conner Avenue on the east end. The project would address capacity, safety, pavement, and bridge needs while also enhancing local traffic circulation by separating it from through freeway traffic. This FEIS fulfills the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act and Federal Highway Administration. Comments on this Final Environmental Impact Statement and Final Sections 4 (f) Evaluation should be submitted to Ms. Margaret Barondess.

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PREFACE

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This document is a Condensed Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the proposed I-94 Rehabilitation Project from east of I-96 to east of Conner Avenue, city of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan. It presents the Recommended Alternative and relevant analyses and addresses the comments received during the public hearing process. Following the comment period on this FEIS, a Record of Decision (ROD) will allow the project to proceed to design, right-of-way acquisition and construction.

This document also contains a Final Section 4(f) Evaluation for the I-94 Rehabilitation Project. Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act requires that an evaluation be prepared when the proposed action may have an adverse affect on a property eligible for or listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The proposed action has been determined to have an adverse effect on properties that meet the criteria for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. A Memorandum of Agreement under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act is also included in this document.

This document was prepared by the Project Planning Division of the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and other members of the study team. The study team includes representatives from the following divisions within MDOT: Design, Project Planning, Real Estate, Construction and Technology, and Traffic and Safety. The MDOT Metro Region and the MDOT Detroit Transportation Service Center staff also participated in the project development process. Information contained in this FEIS was also furnished by other federal and state agencies, local units of government, public interest groups, and individual citizens.

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